Exhibit A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

CLYDE RAY SPENCER, MATTHEW RAY SPENCER, and KATHRYN E. TETZ,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Case No. C11-5425BHS

FORMER DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR CLARK COUNTY JAMES M. PETERS, DETECTIVE SHARON KRAUSE, SERGEANT MICHAEL DAVIDSON, CLARK COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THE COUNTY OF CLARK, AND JOHN DOES ONE THROUGH TEN,

Defendants.

Deposition of

ANN LINK, PH.D.

Monday, December 17, 2012

Plaintiff filed motion in limine #13 seeking to bar evidence related to alleged interviews of Kathryn and Matt Spencer on May 9, 1985, dkt. 202 at 15. Consistent with that motion, Plaintiff has not highlighted testimony from Dr. Link regarding her knowledge of James Peters, James Rulli, or anything else related to the alleged May 9 interviews. Plaintiff reserves the right to supplement his highlighting depending on the Court's rulings on motions in limine. Reported by Karen Cosgrove, CSR No. 12425

Response: <u>See defendants</u> response to plaintiffs motion in Limine #13

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              BE IT REMEMBERED that on December 17, 2012,
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     commencing at the hour of 9:09 a.m. at the offices of
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     Golden State Reporting & Video, 3800 Watt Avenue,
     Suite 201, Sacramento, California, before me,
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     Karen Cosgrove, a Certified Shorthand Reporter, empowered
     to administer oaths and affirmations pursuant to
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     Section 2093(b) of the Code of Civil Procedure,
     personally appeared
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                       ANN LINK, PH.D.,
     a witness herein, having been duly sworn, was examined
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     and testified as follows:
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              MS. ZELLNER: Let the record reflect this is
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     the deposition of Dr. Ann Link taken pursuant to subpoena
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     and set for today's date.
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                           EXAMINATION
     BY MS. ZELLNER:
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              Dr. Link, could you state your full name and
     spell your last name.
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              Yes. My name is Ann Louise Link spelled
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              Where is your professional office located?
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              5801 North Avenue, Carmichael, California
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              And what is your current profession?
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              Psychologist.)
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1	Q Are you licensed in any state as a
2	psychologist?
3	A I'm licensed in the state of California as a
4	psychologist.
5	Q And how long have you been licensed in
6	(California?)
7	A Since 1988.
8	Q Could you describe your highest level of
9	education.
10	A I graduated from the Professional School of
11	Psychology out of San Francisco, California in 1985.
12	Q And what degrees do you hold?
13	A I have a Bachelor's of Science in nursing from
14	the University of Oregon, '67; Master of Arts in
15	counseling, University of San Francisco, '79; and the
16	Ph.D. from the Professional School of Psychology in
17	(185.)
18	Q Could you tell me your job description in 1984.
19	A In 1984 I was working as a psychology intern
20	and I was also working as a marriage, family, and child
21	counselor at another clinic.)
22	Q Were you when you were working as a
23	psychology intern, were you being supervised in your
24	work?
25	(A) (Yes.)

1	Q And who were you working for?
2	A Dr. John Prinzing.
3	And could you spell his last name, please.
4	A P-r-i-n-z-i-n-g.
5	And was Dr. Prinzing acting as your supervisor
6	(in 1984?)
7	A Yes, he was.
8	Q And in 1984 were you working on any degree at
9	that point?
10	A Yes, I was.
11	Q And what degree were you working on in 1984?)
12	A) Ph.D. in psychology.
13	Q In 1984 what was your custom and practice about
14	preserving or keeping patient records?
15	A It was not our policy to keep records beyond
16	seven years after a person turned 18.
17	Q Where was your office located in 1984?
18	A I don't have the exact office address. It was
19	Alhambra Psychotherapy Center on Alhambra in Sacramento,
20	California.
21	Q Have you searched your records for any records
22	of Kathryn Spencer?
23	(A) (I have.)
24	Q And have you been able to locate any records of
25	Kathryn Spencer?

1	A No, I have not.
2	Q Do you believe that those records have been
3	destroyed pursuant to your recordkeeping policy?
4	A Yes, I do.
5	Q Do you have an independent recollection of
6	treating Kathryn Spencer?
7	A I do.
8	Q Do you know the approximate time period when
9	you were treating Kathryn Spencer?
10	Approximately '84, '85.
11	Q And were you treating her at the offices that
12	you've described for us in Sacramento?
13	(A) (Yes.) On Alhambra Boulevard.)
14	Q And pursuant to your treatment of
15	Kathryn Spencer, did you meet with Kathryn Spencer's
16	mother?
17	(A) (I did.)
18	Q Did what was your purpose in meeting with
19	Kathryn Spencer's mother? Do you remember her name?
20	A Deanne Spencer.
21	Q And what was your purpose in meeting with
22	Deanne Spencer?
23	A To get background information on Kathryn.
24	Q And do you remember any information that
25	Deanne Spencer conveyed to you?

1	A) She told me that there was alleged sexual abuse
2	by Kathryn's father up in Washington.
3	Q Did Deanne Spencer participate or sit in on the
4	therapy sessions that you had with Kathryn?
5	A No.
6	Q Why is that?
7	A Because it was important for the child to feel
8	relaxed and comfortable working out her problems in play
9	therapy on her own.
10	Q Tell me, about how old was Kathryn Spencer when
11	you first began treating her?
12	A She was around 5 years old.
13	Q And what do you remember about
14	Kathryn Spencer's condition when you first began treating
15	(her?)
16	A She was very anxious and withdrawn. She laid
17	down on the floor in the fetal position with a blanket
18	over her and didn't speak at all the first session or
19	two.
20	Q Did you in that first session or two, what
21	observations did you make about her psychological
22	condition?
23	A Well, she appeared to be highly anxious.
24	Q And you said that tell me about the therapy
25	that you used in your treatment of Kathryn Spencer.

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1	A I used play therapy and I used
2	Q Yeah. What does play therapy involve?
3	A Play therapy involves creating a safe
4	environment for a child to hopefully express their
5	feelings and work through their issues with the use of
6	toys and art supplies and dollhouse dolls.) Things like
7	that.)
8	Q And do you remember the approximate time in
9	1984 when you began your treatment? Was it at the
10	beginning, middle, or end of 1984?
11	A I don't recall.
12	Q Do you remember how many sessions that you had
13	with Kathryn Spencer?
14	A I don't remember the exact number, but it was
15	quite a few.
16	Q Was it more than six?
17	A Yes.
18	Q Do you think it was more than twelve or
19	A Yes.
20	Q Now, you said that you used play therapy.
21	Was the purpose of that or part of the purpose
22	to encourage Kathryn to communicate with you?
23	A Yes.
24	Q And what did you observe over the multiple
25	sessions with Kathryn about her communication with you?

1	A) That she had come in for alleged sexual abuse
2	but she did not talk about the abuse.
3	Q Did she talk to you about other things?
4	A She wasn't highly verbal, but over the course
5	of therapy, she did talk about some other things. [I'm]
6	not sure of the exact details.
7	Q Over the course of the therapy, did you notice
8	any reduction in her anxiety?
9	A [I did.]
10	Now, during your sessions with Kathryn Spencer,
11	did she ever describe being sexually molested by
12	anyone?
13	A She did not.
14	Q What type of play supplies did you use in your
15	therapy with Kathryn Spencer?
16	A Toys. Dolls. Like dollhouse dolls and art
17	supplies.
18	Q When you say dolls, what type of dolls are you
19	referring to?
20	A Regular children's dolls.)
21	Q Did you ever are you familiar with
22	anatomical dolls?
23	A (I am.)
24	Q And what are anatomical dolls used for?
25	Anatomical dolls are used to clarify or help
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clarify information a child has given you if they're not
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    able to clearly describe things that have happened to
    them. If they tell you about something that's happened
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    to them, you might use the dolls to help them clarify
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    their description.
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             Do you recall if you ever used anatomical dolls
    in your treatment of Kathryn Spencer?
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             I don't recall using anatomical doll with
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    her.
             Is there a reason that you would not have used
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    them?
              She didn't disclose to me abuse, so it might
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    have been considered leading or suggestive.
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              Now, did California, in 1984 and 1985, have a
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    child abuse and neglect reporting act?)
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              Yes, they did.
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              And what was your -- what is your general
    understanding of what that act required of you as a
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    practitioner?
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              You're required to report abuse; physical,
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     sexual neglect; mistreatment of a child.
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              Do you recall if you ever made such a report in
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     California about Kathryn Spencer?
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              I don't recall making any report about her.
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     No.
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1	Q And is it your understanding under the child
2	abuse and neglect reporting act in California that you
3	would have been required to make such a report if
4	Kathryn Spencer had divulged sexual abuse to you?
5	A Yes.
6	MR. FREIMUND: Objection. Leading. Calls for
7	a legal conclusion.
8	Go ahead and answer. Rresponse
9	THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, CounselNot a legal conclusion;
10	Who what was your name?
11	understanding MR. FREIMUND: That was Jeff Freimund. I of what she
12	objected. It was leading and calls for a legal was obligated to do at the
13	conclusion.
14	But go ahead and answer.
15	BY MS. ZELLNER:
16	Q Yeah. You can answer with that objection.
17	A I'm sorry. What was the question again?
18	MS. ZELLNER: Could you read the question back,
19	please.
20	THE COURT REPORTER: Gentlemen, please state
21	your name prior to making your objection. Thank you.
22	(Record read.)
23	BY MS. ZELLNER:
24	Q Do you have any recollection of discussions
25	with anyone in law enforcement about Kathryn Spencer?)

Deposition of Ann Link, Ph.D. SPENCER VS. PETERS I have a vague recollection of talking to 1 someone in law enforcement and informing them that 2 Kathryn had not disclosed abuse information to me. 3 Plaintiff objects to 0 And do you recall who the person or persons 4 lines 10-13 5 were that you spoke to? based on motion in 6 A I do not. limine #13, Do you recall the time frame of when you might) dkt. 202 7 0 at 15 have been contacted by law enforcement? (seeking to 8 bar testimony I don't recall a specific date. 9 related to Do you recall having any discussion with a 10 detendan interviews; prosecutor or -- and another attorney about 11 if motion is denied, Plaintiff reserves Kathryn Spencer's treatment with you? 12 right to supplement 13 I don't recall that. No. highlighting. Now, if we could look at the 14 All right. different exhibits for today's deposition, I want to 15 start with Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1. 16 (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 1 was previously marked 17 for identification and is attached hereto.) 18 19 BY MS. ZELLNER: 20 And tell me, Doctor, when you have that exhibit in front of you. 21 I have it in front of me. 22 A 0 Do you recognize your signature on this exhibit 23 on page -- it's page 3? 2.4 25 A Yes.

Res ponse

Deposition of Ann Link, Ph.D. SPENCER VS. PETERS And does this -- what do you understand this Response 1 0 -Setting 2 document to be? foundation 3 This is an affidavit. for authenticat And do you understand that this affidavit 4 0 ion; no out of out of made under penalty of perjury? 5 cour Yes. 6 statement introduced 7 And did you have this affidavit notarized? A No. 8 9 Is it notarized? 0 10 I'm sorry. Which one are we talking about? A 11 I'm talking about Exhibit 1. There's a notary 0 on it on page --12 13 Okay. Oh. I'm sorry. Yes. I see that. 14

Page 4. Do you recall having the affidavit

15 notarized?

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Yes. 16

Now, I want to direct you -- is the

affidavit true and correct to the best of your 18

knowledge? 19 Response - Id.

> Yes. A

I want to direct your attention to 21

Plaintiffs' Exhibit 2. 22

(Plaintiffs' Exhibit 2 was previously marked 23

24 for identification and is attached hereto.)

THE WITNESS: I have that. Yes. Wait. 25

1	BY MS. ZELLNER:
2	Q Yeah.
3	A Oh, yeah.
4	Q And identify this document for the record.
5	A This is a letter from me to Ms. Zellner stating
6	that I can't disclose whether I had treated
7	Kathryn Spencer or not and would need a release of
8	information or a valid court order to talk about it.
9	Q And then that's your signature on the letter?
10	A Yes.
11	Q And it was sent, I believe, on
12	November 30, 2012.
13	A Yes.
14	Q And then if we turn to the next page, which is
15	Plaintiffs' Exhibit 3, could you identify that document
16	for the record.
17	(Plaintiffs' Exhibit 3 was previously marked
18	for identification and is attached hereto.)
19	THE WITNESS: Authorization for Release of
20	Information.
21	BY MS. ZELLNER:
22	Q And what's your understanding of the purpose of
23	this document?
24	A It was authorizing it was an authorization
25	to discuss over the telephone with Kathleen Zellner the

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1	Kathryn Spencer had divulged sexual abuse to you?
2	A I believe I did.
3	Q Do you remember anything else about the
4	conversation?
5	A I had several conversations with Ms. Zellner,
6	so I don't remember exactly what I said in each one
7	but
8	Q Okay.
9	A I don't know. She may I may have asked
10	for she may have told me about some background about
11	the case.
12	Q Anything else that you remember? And we're
13	just at this point talking about the first conversation.
14	A No. I don't remember exactly.
15	(Plaintiffs' Exhibit 4 was previously marked
16	for identification and is attached hereto.)
17	BY MS. ZELLNER:
18	Q Okay. If we look at the next page,
19	Plaintiffs' Exhibit 4, do you recognize this email?
20	A Yes.
21	Q And what was your understanding of the purpose
22	of this email?
23	A To let me know that there was going to be some
24	information sent that I could review and sign with a
25	notary.

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1	Q Does the email indicate it was sent to you in
2	Word format so you could make any changes or deletions?
3	A Yes.
4	Q Now, if we look at within that same group
5	exhibit, Plaintiffs' Exhibit 4, there is an affidavit
6	then that was sent to you. If you can, go to that first
7	affidavit.
8	A Is that right after that?
9	Q Yeah. It's unsigned.
10	A Yes.
11	Q Okay. And if I could direct you to
12	paragraph 6, paragraph 6 for the record states, "After
13	meeting with Kathryn's mother, I met privately with
14	Kathryn on multiple occasions. During my sessions with
15	Kathryn, she manifested a high level of anxiety. For
16	example, I recall Kathryn balled up on the floor. I
17	utilized play therapy, a form of psychotherapy, in an
18	attempt to communicate with Kathryn and assess her
19	underlying psychological state."
20	Do you see that paragraph?
21	A Yes.
22	Q If we look back at the affidavit that you
23	signed on December 13th, if you could go to paragraph 6,
24	the last sentence of paragraph 6
25	A Is this Exhibit 1?

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1	Q Yeah. Exhibit 1.
2	A Yes. I see.
3	Q So paragraph 6 has been modified.
4	Do you see that?
5	A Yes.
6	Q And it states in the last sentence of
7	Exhibit 1, paragraph 6, "I utilized play therapy, comma,
8	form of psychotherapy, comma, to reduce anxiety, comma,
9	encourage communication, and provide healthy coping."
10	Do you see that
11	A Yes.
12	Q language in Exhibit 1, paragraph 6?
13	A Yes. Excuse me. It says, "Promote healthy
14	coping." Yes. I see that.
15	Q And was that sentence modified by you?
16	A Yes, it was.
17	Q And did you modify the sentence to better
18	explain what play therapy was?
19	A Yes. I felt that was a better description of
20	play therapy.
21	Q And then if we look at paragraph 8 in the
22	original affidavit sent to you, it states for the record,
23	"During that time period, I never used dolls to elicit
24	information from a child regarding possible abuse because
25	in my view some dolls are suggestive, period. I did not

use any dolls during my sessions with Kathryn, and Kathryn never demonstrated any abuse to me using dolls." Was that did I correctly read what was in paragraph 8 of the first affidavit that my office sent to you? A Yes. A Yes. And then in your final affidavit, the one that you actually signed, that's been modified to read, During play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy supplies, including toys, dollhouse dolls, and art
Was that did I correctly read what was in paragraph 8 of the first affidavit that my office sent to you? A Yes. A Yes. Q And then in your final affidavit, the one that you actually signed, that's been modified to read, During play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy
paragraph 8 of the first affidavit that my office sent to you? A Yes. And then in your final affidavit, the one that you actually signed, that's been modified to read, During play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy
5 you? 6 A Yes. 7 Q And then in your final affidavit, the one that 8 you actually signed, that's been modified to read, During 9 play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy
A Yes. Q And then in your final affidavit, the one that you actually signed, that's been modified to read, During play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy
Q And then in your final affidavit, the one that you actually signed, that's been modified to read, During play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy
you actually signed, that's been modified to read, During play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy
9 play session with Kathryn, I never used play therapy
10 supplies, including toys, dollhouse dolls, and art
11 materials. I used play therapy supplies, including toys,
12 dollhouse dolls, and art materials. Kathryn did not
13 demonstrate any abuse to me using play therapy supplies.
Is that was that modification done by you to
15 the original affidavit that we sent you?
16 A Yes.
Q And what was the purpose of modifying the
18 original paragraph 8?
19 A It was my intention to more correctly say what
20 I did do in the therapy sessions with Kathryn.
Q And you had, in fact, used I think you
22 called them dollhouse dolls
23 A Yes.
Q with Kathryn?
25 A Yes.

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              Okay.
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              Regular play dolls that don't have anatomical
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    parts.
              (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 5 was previously marked
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     for identification and is attached hereto.)
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    BY MS. ZELLNER:
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          Q
              Okay. And then in -- if we look at
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     Group Exhibit 5, the first note email that's sent to you,
     that's December 12 at 3:50 p.m.
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              Do you see that?
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              Yes.
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              And it indicates to you that there's -- "Please
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     sign Kathryn's authorization and your revised declaration
     attached." That was sent at 3:50 p.m.
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              And then at 5:26 p.m., another note was sent
     saying, "Sorry about the confusion. Please find your
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     revised declaration attached."
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              Do you remember receiving that document?
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              Yes.
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              Okay.) And then you did receive then an
     authorization, which is within that Group Exhibit 5.
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     It's actually in like five or six pages.
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              You received an authorization of -- again, from
     Kathryn Spencer, authorizing you to release information
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     about her for purposes of this deposition; is that
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response -

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Defendants

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              for identification and is attached hereto.)
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              BY MS. ZELLNER:
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                        Okay.
                               And then on December 12th, 2012.
              Group Exhibit 6, documents were sent to you from my
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                                                                              Plaintiff's
              office for your review; is that correct?
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this testimony
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                        Yes.
was not timely
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                          want to focus on certain parts of these
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              documents in Group Exhibit 6, and so if you could turn to
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              the second page, at the top it says, "James M. Peters,
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                                                                              are not
                                                                              prejudiced
              11/8/12, " page 97, and it also has the name "Johnson" at
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              the top.
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                        Do you see that?
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                        I do.
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                               Did you have the opportunity to read
              this document prior to sending your affidavit back on
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              December 13th?
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                                     I didn't hear you. I think -- do
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              you see the documents?
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                          see the document.
                                              Yes.
                                                     I was just trying to
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              figure out
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                        What was the --
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Deft. object

on basis that

designated

pursuant to

LCR 31(e)

Golden State Reporting & Video Services (866) 324-4727

Deft. object,

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              -- page 97 of the document, did you see
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    reference in Mr. Peters' deposition on page -- it starts
    actually on page 97, but at the top of 98, did you see
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                                                                Plaintiff's
    reference to your name in Mr. Peters' dep?
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                                                                response, Id.
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              Yes.
             And if we look at page 98, at 9 through 22,
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    Mr. Peters states at line 5 -- or the question at line 5
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     is "November 1st was the first time you say -- you say
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     Katie Spencer reported it. Correct?
              "ANSWER: I didn't say that.
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              "QUESTION: To Ann Link.
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              "ANSWER:
                        Oh. All I know is what Ann Link told
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         I don't know about anything else. That's at line 9
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     and 10.
              "OUESTION:
                          "Okay. And that first revelation
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     that you're talking about came to Ann Link as Ann Link
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     told you on November 1st of 1984.
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              "ANSWER: Just to be clear, there had been
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     prior revelations to Shirley Spencer and to
     Sharon Krause. The first revelation.
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                          I'm just talking about Ann Link.
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              "OUESTION:
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              "ANSWER: As far as I know, when Mr. Rulli and
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     I talked to Ann Link in Sacramento, she told us that
     Katie had disclosed to her sexual abuse by Ray.
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     Described it with anatomical dolls, including fellatio --
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SPENCER VS. PETERS Deposition of Ann Link, Ph.D. my word, not hers -- oral sex with a man, 1 2 November 1st." 3 Do you see that statement of Mr. Peters? Plaintiff's response, Id. Yes. Is that true or false that you told Mr. Peters Rulli that Katie had disclosed or described on 6 and Mr. 7 anatomical dolls fellatio, oral sex with a man? 8 MR. JUDGE: Objection. This is Dan Judge. 9 Objection to the form of the question. Go ahead. 10 BY MS. ZELLNER: 11 12 You can answer. 13 I'm sorry. Did you want me to answer? Yeah. Is that true or false that you told 15 Peters and Mr. Rulli that Katie had disclosed to you 16 sexual abuse by Ray. "Described it with anatomical including fellatio -- my word, not hers -- oral 17 sex with a man, on November 1st. 18 19 A In my --20 MR. JUDGE: This is Dan Judge. Same objection. BY MS. ZELLNER: 21 Is that true or false? 22 Okay. In my recollection --23 A 2.4 MR. JUDGE: Objection. 25 MS. ZELLNER: Okay.

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	1	THE WITNESS: Did you want me to Objection to
	2	MS. ZELLNER: I've got the objection noted.based on dkt.
	3	Could you let the witness answer? 202 at 15, seeking to
		bar testimony
	4	THE WITNESS: Am I supposed to answer?
	5	BY MS. ZELLNER: alleged interviews of
	6	Q Yes. Matt and
e e		A Oh. Sorry. No. That's false, according to my 9th, 1985 in
13	1	Sacramento.
113	9	Q And if we look at page 125 of Mr. Peters' If denied,
	10	deposition, we look at hang on just a minute. Plaintiff
	11	reserves It says at line 12 this is Mr. Peters' right to
	12	answer: "The information now your question was supplement
	13	compound. Had multiple subjects in it. But the
	14	behavioral indicators portion of it was relayed to me by
	15	Ann Link, and it's in the notes of Rulli and my interview
	16	with Ann Link."
	17	Do you see that answer?
	18	A Yes. Objection
	19	Q Okay. And that leads me to the notes of dkt. 402 at
a5	20	Mr. Peters, which follow those two pages.
2	21	And have you had an opportunity to look at If motion in
	22	those notes? denied
	23	A Yes.
	24	Q And let's look at where your name is mentioned. right to supplement
	25	At the bottom it says, "Spencer," Bates

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1 stamp 00808, and your name is the second named at the top 2 of that page. 3 Do you see that? 4 A I see that. 5 Okay. And Mr. Peters has recorded some 6 information about you. Correct? Objection to 7 A Correct. lines 5-25 and line 1 Okay. And it's true that you were a Ph.D. of page 29 9 candidate. Right? -Id. 10 A Yes. 11 Q Okay. And I can't read -- can you read the 12 rest of the writing? "A registered psychology" -- I can't read the 13 14 third one. 15 Okay. "Intern" maybe, although it ends in T. I'm not 16 17 sure. 18 And then under that, "registered nurse," is 0 19 that true? 20 A Yes. True. 21 And then licensed -- it says, "Licensed 0 22 marriage." 2.3 A Yes. And what -- do you know what that would refer 24 0 25 to?

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              MR. JUDGE: Objection to the form of -- this is
     Dan Judge. Objection to the form of the question.
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     BY MS. ZELLNER:
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              Doctor, you can answer over the objections.
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              Licensed marriage, family, and child
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                                                          Objection
                                                           -Id.
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     counselor.
              And then under that, it says, "Never
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     testified."
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              Do you see that?
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              Yes.
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              Do you know if that was true at that time?
     you ever testified before?
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              No.
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                     If we look at the next page,
              Okay.
   "Spencer" -- it's Bates-stamped 00809.
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              Yes.
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                      And in that note it states,
                                                               -Id
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     November
              1st, she demonstrated with dolls for Ann."
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              Do you see that?
               Yes.
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                      And then can you read into the record
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                  the note?
               MR. JUDGE: Objection to the form of the
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     question. This is Dan Judge again.
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SPENCER VS. PETERS Deposition of Ann Link, Ph.D. Go ahead. 1 2 THE WITNESS: You wanted me to read the note? 3 BY MS. ZELLNER: Yeah. 4 Q 5 "She demonstrated with dolls for Ann parts" could be "boobies, pee pee, wienie, bottom. Only able 0 Let me stop you there. 9 Did Katie Spencer ever demonstrate with dolls 10 for you body parts? I.e., boobies, pee pee, wiener, and bottom? 11 Not that I recall. 12 Could you read under -- read B for us. 13 14 "Only able to whisper these." 15 Can you read that? And then C. 16 "Designated adult male doll as a dad. self." 17 And then the subparts 1 through 5. 18 19 "Kiss breasts. Fellatio. Anal. Cunnilingus. Perhaps "intercourse. 20 I'm not sure about that word. 21 Sexual" Okay. 22 And then to the right of that, 23 writing? 24 Yes. 25 Q What's that say?

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her belief that if Katie

offered for

response - Id.

1 A It says, "Said it hurt." 2 Okay. that true or false that that information was demonstrated to you with dolls? 4 MR. JUDGE: Objection. This Dan Judge. 5 Objection to the form of the question. 6 BY MS. ZELLNER: 7 You can answer. 8 It's false in terms of what I remember about A 9 the case and what I did with Katie. 10 If that information had been related to you, would you have had a legal obligation to report it under 11 12 California law at that point in time? Deft. object on 13 Yes 14 MR. FREIMUND: Objection. Calls for a legal 15 conclusion. 16 You may answer though. 17 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, Counsel. Who 18 was that? 19 MR. FREIMUND: That was Jeff Freimund again. 20 Sorry. 21 BY MS. ZELLNER: 2.2 Now, if we go on to page Bates stamp 227, the next document, did you review this report that was 23 24 authored by Rebecca Roe? 25 A I did.

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1	Q And in the report, did you find any reference
2	to Katie's counselor in this report?
3 .	A I did.
4	Q Where did you find a reference to Katie's
5	counselor?
6	A Five lines from the bottom, it says
7	Q And yeah. Is that on the first page or
8	where is it?
9	A That's on the first page.
10	Q Okay. And could you read that into the
11	record?
12	A "She also did not talk to a female counselor."
13	Q Does that fit with your recollection of
14	Katie Spencer's interaction with you in her care and
15	treatment by you?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Now, you were also sent some excerpts from
18	various utility reports authored by Sharon Krause.
19	(Plaintiffs' Exhibits 7 and 8 were previously
20	marked for identification and are attached hereto)
21	BY MS. ZELLNER:
22	Q If you can go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 8, it
23	starts at Bates stamp 00501.
24	A Yes.
25	Q Now, if we go to this to the utility report)

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dated 10/18/84 -- if we go to Bates stamp 00503, that's
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    page 3 of 22 of the report.
             Do you have that paragraph in front of you?
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             I do.
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             The paragraph states, "Deanne Spencer also
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    related that during the meeting with Detective Flood and
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    also with Katie's therapist, Katie apparently was not
    indicating anymore that there had been something sexual
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    between her and her father."
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             Did I read that correctly?
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              Yes.
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              And is that statement consistent with your
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    recollection of Katie Spencer's care and treatment with
13
    you?
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              Yes, it is.
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              Then if we turn to the next page, which is
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     dated 11/1/84 -- and, again, it's authored by
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     Sharon Krause, Bates stamp Spencer-00537. That states,
     "During the week of October 15th, I was in Sacramento,
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     California, continuing the investigation regarding the
     allegations that Kathryn Spencer was making. On the
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     morning of 1/1/84, Detective Sergeant Davidson made phone
     contact with Ray Spencer and asked if he would respond to
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     the sheriff" -- actually, that's cut off. Yeah.
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     looks like 537 -- okay. It is.
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If we continue to the next page, it states, "As I entered the room, Ray Spencer was indicating he was upset with the sheriff's office because of how we had handled the investigation, commenting on the length of time it had taken and also how we had dealt with the city and the, quote, overall delays, end quote.

"Sergeant Davidson and I tried to explain to him that it seemed futile on our part to respond to Sacramento initially when everyone, including his daughter's therapist, felt it would not be in the child's best interest for us to come to Sacramento."

Do you have any recollection -- does that refresh your recollection about whether you had talked to anyone in law enforcement about coming to Sacramento?

About --

MR. FREIMUND: Before you answer, Ms. Link, this is Jeff Freimund. I have an objection to that.

The document is little bits -- the last several documents that plaintiffs' counsel has been reading from are little partial excerpts on a page with no clear full documentation on what you're referring to or how they're linked to one another. There's no page numbers attached to that last paragraph just read by counsel. So I object to the way in which this questioning is progressing with little bits and pieces excised from documents and taken

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out of context.
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              But go ahead and answer.
              MS. ZELLNER: And, actually, these are the
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     excerpts word scanned through all of the documents that
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     refer to Katie Spencer's therapist either by name or
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                 The page numbers are at the bottom. The date
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     of the document is 11/1/84. It's authored by
 8
     Sharon Krause.
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              So over that objection, if the court reporter
     could read back my question.
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              MR. FREIMUND: I would just say for the record,
     the page number at the bottom is a page number put on
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     there by plaintiffs' counsel. It is not a page number
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     from the actual document.
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              MS. ZELLNER: Actually, Jeff, the page is from
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     the actual document and the document is 11/1/84. And
     rather than give her 22 pages we have given her the only
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     reference to her in the document, so that doesn't have
19
     anything to do with my question.
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              My question to her is does she remember, after
21
     reading this excerpt, whether she had ever told anyone in
     law enforcement that it would not be in Katie's best
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     interest for law enforcement to come to Sacramento.
     BY MS. ZELLNER:
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              It's a simple question, Doctor.
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              Does that refresh your recollection?
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              MR. JUDGE: I'm going to -- this is Dan Judge.
     I'm going to object to the form of that question as well
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     as lack of foundation for proper refreshing of a witness'
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     memory.
              Go ahead.
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     BY MS. ZELLNER:
                                                               Objection
              Doctor, do you remember whether or not anyone
                                                               based on
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     from law enforcement contacted you about coming to
                                                                at 15,
     Sacramento to interview you about Katie Spencer?
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                                                                to bar
              I don't have a specific memory of that.
                                                                testimony
                                                                related
              Okay. And if we go to the next report, which
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     is Bates-stamped Spencer-00461. The date on it is
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                                                                alleged
                                                                interview
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     10/18/84. The author of the report is S.A. Krause.
                                                                s of Matt
                                                                and Katie
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              Do you see that document?
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               I'm sorry. Is this Exhibit 9?
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          A
                                                                9th, 1985
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                    We're still in Group Exhibit 8. Going to
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     the next report, it's -- oh, I'm sorry. You're right.
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                                                                denied,
     It is Plaintiffs' Exhibit 9. You're right.
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                                                                reserves
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               (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 9 was previously marked
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     for identification and is attached hereto)
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     BY MS. ZELLNER:
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               You see the first page? 461?
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               Yes, I do.
               And the date on that is 10/18/84, and, again,
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           Q
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    it's authored by S.A. Krause.
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              If you look at the second page, 462 --
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         A
              Yes.
              -- in that excerpt, it says, "On the afternoon
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    of 10/17/84, I accompanied Katie and her mother,
    Deanne Spencer, to a therapy session. Regarding that
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     session, refer to additional utility report."
              Do you recall -- independent of this document,
8
    do you recall ever meeting anyone from law enforcement)
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    that accompanied Katie and her mother to Katie's therapy
    sessions?
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         A
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              I don't recall that.
                                    No.
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          Q
              Okay. And then on page 464 --
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              Yes.
          A
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              Okay. And that's also from the same report by
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     Sharon Krause.
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              Have you reviewed page 464 and 465?
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              Yes.
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                    And on 465, Katie Spencer is quoted as
     saying, quote, I just didn't want to have to say those
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     words to Ann, but maybe I can tell her later when I tell
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     her a story, period, and then there's quotation marks.
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              And then it says in paren, "The therapist,
     Ann Link, uses play therapy with Katie during the
24
25
     one-hour session."
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1	Does that information on 464 and 465 have any
2	effect on your recollection of whether Katie had
3	disclosed any abuse to you?
4	MR. JUDGE: This is Dan Judge. Objection to
5	the form of the question.
6	BY MS. ZELLNER:
7	Q Over that can you answer?
8	A I'm sorry. What was the question again?
9	Q Yeah. You did read those two pages.
10	Correct?
11	A I did read those two pages. Yes.
12	Q Okay. And does that refresh your recollection
13	or does did that have any effect on your opinion that
14	Katie Spencer never told you about being sexually
15	abused?
16	MR. JUDGE: Objection to the form of the
17	question. This is Dan Judge again.
18	MR. FREIMUND: This is Jeff Freimund. I join
19	in that objection too.
20	MS. ZELLNER: We'll just note your form
21	objections if you could let her answer the question.
22	MR. FREIMUND: Well, it doesn't call for an
23	opinion. That was what you'd asked her.
24	MS. ZELLNER: She's expressed opinions in her
25	affidavit.

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              Actually, I can withdraw that question.
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                     Now, on page -- if we go to
    Plaintiffs' Exhibit 10, that's a report dated
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    March 21, 1985, authored by Sharon Krause.
              (Plaintiffs' Exhibit 10 was perviously marked
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     for identification and is attached hereto.)
     BY MS. ZELLNER:
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              And if you go to the second page of that
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     report, it states, "When Matt Hansen advised me that he
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     had observed both Kathryn and Matt Spencer being
     victimized by their father, I immediately advised
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     Deanne Spencer by telephone. Deanne Spencer related to
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     me that she in turn advised the children's therapist. I
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     also have had phone conversations on occasion with both
15
     the therapists and provided them with any information I
     had that may assist them in dealing with the Spencer
16
     children."
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              Do you have any recollection of Deanne Spencer
18
     advising you about any sexual abuse of Matt Hansen?
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                   I don't have any recollection of that.
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              Okay.) And do you recall having a phone
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     conversation with Detective Sharon Krause about
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     Kathryn Spencer?
              I believe there was some communication with
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     Shane Krause.
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                     And do you recall the specifics of any
              Okay.
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     communication with Sharon Krause?
              Possibly that she had gotten Katie to reveal
 3
    details about the sexual abuse; that she had spent some
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     hours with her.
              Okay. And then were you yourself able to get
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 7
    Kathryn to relate incidents of sexual abuse after you'd
 8
    talked to Sharon Krause?
 9
         A
              No.
                   I don't have any recollection that she
10
    did.
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              MS. ZELLNER: All right. Now, if we skip -- we
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     can skip Plaintiffs' Exhibit 11.
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              Let's go to Plaintiffs' Exhibit 12.
    labeled "Sentencing," and there are -- the Bates stamp at
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     the bottom of the first page is Spencer-01095.
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              (Plaintiffs' Exhibits 11 and 12 were perviously
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    marked for identification and are attached hereto.)
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     BY MS. ZELLNER:
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              Do you see that?
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              Yes.
              Okay. And this paragraph states, "The
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     therapist in the reports and the mother's report that the
     therapists are saying that it's going to be a long-term
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    process of therapy for these children before they're
    healthy and the reason for that is the ongoing sexual
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Mr. Rulli and I, when we were in Sacramento, 1 talked to the therapist of Matthew Spencer and 2 Kathryn Spencer, and they indicated that the children 3 were experiencing substantial psychological and 4 behavioral problems of the type typically seen in victims 5 Objection of sexual abuse." 6 to lines 7 Stopping there, do you recall talking to 7-8 based on dkt. Peters or Mr. Rulli in Sacramento and telling them 8 202 at 15, that the children were experiencing substantial 9 seeking to bar psychological and behavioral problems of the type 10 testimony related to typically seen in sexual abuse? 11 alleged don't have any recollection of that 12 interviews of Matt conversation. 13 and Katie And then if we go to -- on page -- it'son May 14 Okav. 9th, 1985 Bates-stamped 01101. It's the last two pages of the 15 in exhibit. Page 53. At the bottom it says, "Mr. Rulli." Sacramento 16 17 A Is that 01102? denied, Plaintiff 18 0 It's 01101. reserves right to 19 A Yes. supplement It starts, "Mr. Rulli: Your Honor, in 20 Okav. response to Mr. Peters' comments when I interviewed" --21 22 dash, dash -- "sat in on the interview with the children in the therapist's office, I got the impression from the 23 therapist that the children were coming along." 24 25 Do you recall ever sitting in your office with

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    Mr. Peters and Mr. Rulli with the children in your office
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    having any discussion with them?
              No.
                   I don't --
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              MR. FREIMUND: Object to the form. That would
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    be child, not children.
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              But ahead and answer.
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              THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Who was that?
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              MR. FREIMUND: Jeff Freimund. I'm sorry.
9
     BY MS. ZELLNER:
              Do you recall the children, Matt and
10
    Katie Spencer, ever being in your office together?
11
12
              No.
                   I don't recall that.
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              MS. ZELLNER: I don't have any further
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     questions.
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                          EXAMINATION
     BY MR. FREIMUND:
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              This is Jeff Freimund. Good morning, Ms. Link.
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          A
              Good morning.
              I represent one of the defendants in this
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     lawsuit, retired Sergeant Michael Davidson, for the
21
     Clark County Sheriff's Office.
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              What I'd like to start out by asking you is
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     that you indicated when you first met with
     Kathryn Spencer she was displaying anxious and withdrawn
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     behaviors, including curling up in a fetal position.
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Would you regard that as normal behaviors for a

Would you regard that as indicative behaviors

5 of the possibility that she may have been a victim of sexual abuse? 6 7 A Possibility but it could also have been due to other things. 8 9 Did you observe other behaviors of 10 Kathryn Spencer back when you were interacting with her in early 1984 that you would regard as sexualized 11 of tistimon 42 behaviors? I don't recall that. 13 No. Objecti When you say -- you say you don't recall quite 14 Q often, and that's perfectly understandable. It's been 15 ifrelev ant; 16 over 25 years. answer But when you say you don't recall something, 17 clear does that mean it did not happen or you just don't have 18 and 19 memory of it? unambig udus 20 It means I don't have a memory of it 21 happening. 22 Do you recall being made aware from 23 Kathryn Spencer's mother that she believed Kathryn was

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five-year-old girl?

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Okav.

Again, when you say you don't recall

Objection

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answered you don't remember it. Right? 3 4 Right. A 6000 5 0 When you use the word that you believed 6 Kathryn Spencer was anxious and withdrawn, what were some Weight 7 of the symptoms of what you regarded as anxious testimon 8 behaviors? Can you describe something more than just memory that conclusion? 9 See 9th Cir She curled up on the floor underneath a blanket 10 11 and didn't talk for the first several sessions. model Instr. 12 Anything else that you remember that you would Q 1.11 13 regard as symptomatic of anxious behavior? 14 I don't remember other behaviors. 15 Okay. You stated that you didn't remember 16 Deanne Spencer, Kathryn Spencer's mother, participating 17 in therapy sessions. 18 Is that something that you just don't recall or 19 are you saying that never happened? 20 A I'm saying I don't recall that. So it could have happened and you just don't Objection 21 Q and answered; 22 remember; is that right? cumulative;

question is though, even though you don't recall it,

I understand you don't recall that.

I don't recall that.

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still might have happened. You just don't have a memory 1 2 of it 25 years later. Right? 3 A I don't recall it. All right. Would it be your normal practice 4 0 5 when providing therapy to children of approximately five years of age to speak with their parents after -- before 6 7 or after therapy sessions? 8 A Yes. Do you believe that you probably complied with 9 that standard practice with this particular child? 10 you spoke with her mother on occasion before or after 11 12 therapy sessions. That's very likely. 13 A Yes. Do you have any recollection of how 14 15 frequently that would occur? Would it be after every 16 therapy session or how would that typically occur? I don't have a memory of how often that would 17 A 18 occur in that specific case. 19 I'm just asking -- I understand you may not have a specific memory, but would it typically be your 20 practice when providing therapy to children of 21 approximately five years of age that you would speak with 22 23 their parent or parents after every session? 24 A After many sessions. 25 Okay, Would it be your belief that more than Q

answer

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likely that occurred in this case? That after many or if

not most of the sessions you had with Kathryn you would
Objection to
speak to her mother?

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question and

A Likely.

Q Okay. Now, you indicated -- well, before I -Speculative proceed from there, I know this is a long shot but I'm

going to ask it anyway.

Do you have any recollection whatsoever of what you did speak to Deanne Spencer about after any of the therapy sessions you had with Kathryn Spencer?

- A I don't have any specific memories. No
- Q Do you have any vague memories?

 Objection to lines
 12-13 calls for
- A No. speculation
- Q You were asked how many sessions you had with
- 15 Kathryn Spencer, and you've acknowledged it was more than

16 twelve.

Can you be a little bit more precise as to what your best estimate is of how many sessions you had with

19 Kathryn Spencer over time?

- A Could have been 25 plus. I'm not sure.
- Q Do you recall whether your sessions were on a weekly basis or a different interval of time?
 - A I don't recall.
- Q Do you recall whether your sessions continued for more than a year in time or less than a year in

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time?
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              I don't recall.
              I'd like to direct your attention, if I may
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    please, to Plaintiffs' Group Exhibit 6 that you were
   , asked some questions about and particularly direct your
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     attention to the handwritten notes of some unidentified
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     person that starts with "Ann" at the top and they're
     under the plaintiffs' lawyer's numbering system,
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     Spencer-00809.
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              Do you see those?
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          A
              Spencer-00809? Yes.
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              Correct.
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          A
              I see that.
              At the top of that page there, under your first
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     name "Ann," it says, "Began seeing Katie September 12th."
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          A
              Yes.
                     I see that.
17
              Does that coincide with your recollection that
18
     it was approximately the middle of September of 1984 that
19
     you began seeing Kathryn Spencer?
20
              I don't remember the month I started seeing
21
     her.
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              Do you remember it being in the summertime or
     early fall?
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               No.
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               Okay. So you can't say one way or the other
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whether that date of September 14th being the first visit
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     is accurate.
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              Is that the case?
              That's the case.
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              Okay. Now, you mentioned that you didn't
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    recall Kathryn Spencer talking about sexual abuse with
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    you but you did say she talked about other things with
 8
    you.
9
              What was it she talked about with you during
    these approximately 25 therapy sessions that you had with
10
    her?
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          A
              I don't recall details of what she talked
12
    about.
13
              Do you recall anything that she talked about?
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15
              Not specifically. I don't recall anything she
    talked about.
16
              But even though you don't recall anything she
17
18
     did talk about, you -- it's your belief she did not talk
     to you about sexual abuse or being a victim of sexual)
19
     abuse.
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          A
21
              Yes.
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22
              Is that your testimony?
          A
23
              Yes.
24
              And you were aware -- were you not? -- That the
25
     whole reason why this girl was brought to you for therapy
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